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**BONA FIDE, NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT**

The reply filed on 6/24/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment filed 6/24/02 to claims 1 and 6 is not consistent with originally filed claims 1 and 6. Original claim 1 is directed to "A method of treating hyperlipidemia in a patient due diabetes mellitus, hypothyroidism, uremia, nephrotic syndrome, acromegaly, obstructive liver disease, dysproteinemia, drugs or genetic disorders....." while currently amended claim 1 is directed to "A method of treating hyperlipidemia in a patient in need of such treatment.....". Originally filed claim 6 depends on claim 1 while currently amended claim 6 is independent. Further, original claim 6 is directed to "A method according to claim 1, of lowering the amount of triacylglycerols, glycerol, or cholesterol in the blood of a patient." while currently amended claim 6 is directed to "A method of lowering the amount of triacylglycerols, glycerol or cholesterol in the blood of a patient in need of such lowering, said method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a somatstatin type-5 receptor agonist to said patient.". See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**


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